

Actions to Implement Executive Order 11905

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Bill:

We have met the basic point brought up by you in your attached memorandum of 8 March.

I still find difficulty with your last sentence in the last paragraph. Did you really mean it?

Signed: John F. Blake

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Att: DD/A 76-1152, Memo to DDA fr DDO, Same Subject w/att from DDA to the DD's, dtd 4 Mar; Same Subject

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Actions to Implement Executive Order 11905

REFERENCE : Memo for DDI, DDO, DDS&T, IG, OGC, Compt. dtd
4 March 1976, Same Subject

1. I have reservations with the approach being taken by the regulations working group to implement portions of Executive Order 11905 within the Agency. I wish to express a strong objection to STATINTL the proposed [REDACTED]

STATINTL The thrust of the [REDACTED] series (and the proposed Headquarters Notice regarding the Inspector General) places special emphasis on CIA components whose "operational requirements might involve questionable activities." It seems to me my entire Directorate is concerned with "operational requirements", thus anything promulgated regarding operations has an immediate and direct impact on the Directorate for Operations, the largest and most dispersed element within the Agency.

2. I am concerned not only with bureaucratic necessities, such as meeting the 90 day requirement for issuing regulations, but with meeting the professional and personal concerns of the approximately

STATINTL [REDACTED] in the DO (which includes [REDACTED] Directorate of Administration careerists serving with the DO). Employees outside the Headquarters complex (but this applies to employees here as well) need a single document which clearly sets forth the operational "dos and don'ts" and the various procedures which are to be followed. In my view, the proposed [REDACTED] series establishes a complex "layering" of regulations which is extremely difficult for the average employee to read, understand and follow.

3. I believe we need an [REDACTED] which cites the restrictions contained in the Executive Order, and the procedures under which certain activities will be conducted (e.g. the procedures approved by the DCI for physical surveillance of U.S. persons abroad, the procedures wherein the Agency tests certain equipment in the U.S., the procedures for lawful, unconsented physical searches against U.S. persons abroad, and an explanation of "U.S. postal channels"). I also feel

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that the new [redacted] should contain whatever additional restrictions on operations the present DCI wishes to impose upon the Agency, such as his policy regarding news correspondents and American clergy and other appropriate restrictions found in the present [redacted] (28 November 1975). I see no reason from the managerial standpoint for having [redacted] which although using different words in essence repeats many of the restrictions which are to become part of [redacted]. Some examples of this are assistance to law enforcement authorities, detailed personnel, U.S. mail, and testing of equipment.

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4. If we are to accomplish the missions and functions of the Agency set forth in Section 4 of the Executive Order, then we owe it to the Agency as an institution and to our employees to blend the proposed and existing [redacted] series into a single, meaningful regulation. I believe that [redacted] should be written to express restrictions by blending section 5 of the Executive Order, portions of the existing [redacted] and such other critical documents as the DCI's policy on the use of news correspondents and American clergy, which is nowhere addressed by the working group.

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5. To meet the goals of insuring the continued operations of the Agency and protecting these employees who manage and carry out these activities, I am prepared to devote whatever time and personnel are required to writing [redacted] to achieve a single, comprehensive and well organized document which explains the operational restrictions imposed upon us. I am willing to have members of my Directorate draft such a regulation within the time left before the expiration of the 90 days which began on 18 February 1976. I propose that this regulation be unclassified and published in the Federal Register.

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William E. Nelson
Deputy Director for Operations

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